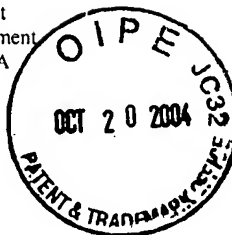
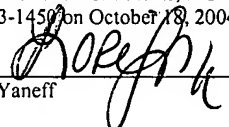


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2004, Applicant amends this application as follows. The shortened period for response expired August 17, 2004, accordingly Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$430.00 for the extension of time is enclosed herewith. The extended due date for this response therefore is October 17, 2004.

Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer, which the Office Action indicated would remove the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Applicant therefore requests that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection be removed. As a result, the claims are believed to be allowable, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for the terminal disclaimer fee is enclosed.

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It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment. **Should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to deposit account number 03-0172.**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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